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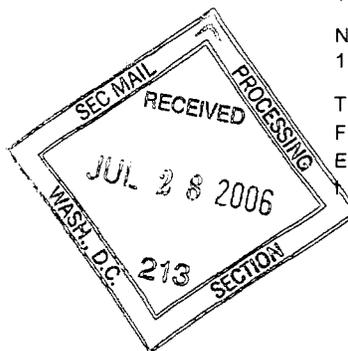
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Subject CSM nv, (SEC File No. 82-34886)

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Dear Sirs:

On behalf of CSM nv (the "Company"), we furnish, pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act"), copy of the following document:

- Press release 21 July, 2006: CSM plans to sell sugar division to Cosun.

The foregoing document represents information that CSM is required to provide to its shareholders under the provisions of Dutch law and/or stock exchange listing requirements applicable to CSM. In accordance with Rule 12g3-2(b), these materials are not deemed to be "filed" with the Commission within the meaning of the 1934 Act.

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Very truly yours,

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Press Release

CSM PLANS TO SELL SUGAR DIVISION TO COSUN

Diemen, the Netherlands, 21 July 2006 - CSM announces that negotiations with Cosun on the sale of the CSM Sugar Division have progressed so well that a definitive agreement is anticipated. The selling price will be determined on the basis of the balance sheet as at 30 September 2006. The working capital as at that date is expected to amount to only EUR 3.6 million compared to an annual average of approximately EUR 45 million. Given the low working capital as at 30 September 2006 the provisional selling price has been set at EUR 202 million. The Breda real estate is excluded from the transaction. CSM expects to complete the transaction in the fourth quarter of 2006.

The intended sale of the Sugar Division must be seen in the context of streamlining CSM's portfolio. CSM wants to focus its efforts on its global market leader positions in relevant growth markets (bakery ingredients and products on the one hand and lactic acid and lactic acid derivatives on the other).

Gerard Hoetmer, CEO at CSM: *The merger between CSM Sugar and Cosun represents a major joining of forces and a reinforcement of the entire chain. It secures the continuity of the Dutch sugar sector in the rapidly changing European sugar market, also in the longer term.*

With an annual turnover of around EUR 250 million, CSM Sugar is a highly efficient sugar and sugar specialties company. It produces and sells approximately 350,000-380,000 tons of sugar each year. The company employs around 300 permanent staff, is headquartered in Diemen, the Netherlands, and has two production facilities:

- Vierverlaten (Hoogkerk, Groningen province), which produces sugar from beet. This facility processes 18,500 tons of beets per day.
- Breda, which produces sugar specialties (syrup, soft brown sugar, liquid sugar etc.) and accommodates the laboratory.

The European sugar market is regulated to a large extent by the European Sugar Regulation. The current regulation runs till July 2006 and will be replaced by a new sugar regime that will run until 2014/2015.

The information and consultation procedures with the employee organizations and the works council have been started, where required. The intended transaction will be submitted to the Dutch competition authority (NMa) for approval.

On 16 February 2006 CSM announced that it would start an investigation into the possibilities of selling its Sugar Division.

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